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## THE INVENTION CLAIMED IS:

1. A nutritional composition for treatment of impaired or inadequate energy production or dysfunctional energy metabolism in a mammal comprising L-carnitine, acetyl-L-carnitine, pantothenate and niacinamide.

- 2. The composition of Claim 1, wherein said L-camitine, acetyl-L-carnitine, pantothenate and niacinamide are present in said composition in a ratio of about 1: 0.1-2:0.01-0.5:0.01-0.5.
- 3. The nutritional composition of Claim 1, further comprising a preservative.
  - 4. The nutritional composition of Claim 1, in an aqueous solution.
- 5. The nutritional composition of Claim 4, wherein the concentration of each ingredient in the aqueous solution is: L-carnitine .0005 to 500 mg/ml, acetyl-L-carnitine .0005 to 500 mg/ml, pantothenate .000005 to 10 mg/ml and niacinamide .000005 to 20 mg/ml.
  - 6. The nutritional composition of Claim 1, in a concentrate.
  - 7. The nutritional composition of Claim 1, in a soft drink.
  - 8. The nutritional composition of Claim 1, in a gel cap.
- 9. A nutritional composition for treatment of impaired or inadequate energy production or dysfunctional energy metabolism in a mammal consisting essentially of L-carnitine, acetyl-L-carnitine, pantothenate and niacinamide.
- 10. A method of treating impaired or inadequate energy metabolism or dysfunctional energy metabolism in a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a composition comprising L-carnitine, acetyl-L-carnitine, pantothenate and niacinamide to a mammal in need of such treatment.
- 11. The method of Claim 10, wherein said composition consists essentially of L-carnitine, acetyl-L-carnitine, pantothenate and niacinamide.

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12. The method of Claim 10, wherein said composition further comprises a preservative.

- 13. The method of Claim 11, wherein said composition further comprises a preservative.
- 14. The method of Claim 10, wherein said dysfunctional energy metabolism comprises cardiomyopathy.
- 15. The method of Claim 10, wherein said dysfunctional energy metabolism comprises seizures.
  - 16. The method of Claim 10, wherein said administration is oral.
  - 17. The method of Claim 10, wherein said administration is parenteral.
- 18. The method of Claim 10, wherein said effective amount is about 0.1-20 mg/kg L-carnitine, about 0.01-20 mg/kg acetyl-L-carnitine, about 0.01-1.0 mg/kg pantothenate and about 0.01-1.0 mg/kg niacinamide per day.